



# California Regional Water Resources Control Board

## Central Coast Region



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**TO:** Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** COMBINING THE SAN LORENZO RIVER AND LOMPICO CREEK TMDL FOR PATHOGENS WITH THE SAN LORENZO RIVER ESTUARY AND CARBONERA CREEK TMDL FOR PATHOGENS

The Central Coast Waterboard has combined the San Lorenzo River and Lompico Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Pathogens with the San Lorenzo River Estuary and Carbonera Creek TMDL for Pathogens. These projects were separated originally because the degree of impairment was quite different in the upper watershed as compared to the lower watershed. There was such a low degree of impairment in the upper San Lorenzo River watershed based on Santa Cruz County's data from 1995–2005; Waterboard staff was uncertain whether a TMDL for the upper watershed would be necessary in early 2006.

Staff combined these two projects in late 2006 for the following reasons:

- 1) The City of Santa Cruz submitted data (summer 2006) showing two sampling locations on the San Lorenzo River where Water Quality Objectives were not being met.
- 2) The City of Santa Cruz thought it would be beneficial to combine the waterbodies into one TMDL Project and staff concurred.
- 3) The San Lorenzo River occasionally exceeded bacterial water quality objectives between February 2005 and January 2006, which was an increase over the previous eleven year time period (based on Santa Cruz County data).

Staff expects this combined TMDL Project to go before the Regional Board in February 2008.

For additional information regarding this combination, please call Water Board staff person Angela Carpenter at 805-542-4624. Status of this TMDL is posted on the Water Board website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/TMDL/303dandTMDLprojects.htm>

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